

**BOARD of FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING -
TUESDAY MARCH 30, 2004 at 7:30 pm
ROOM 206 TOWN HALL**

**REGULAR BUDGET MEETING of the BOARD of FINANCE
To be held following the Special Meeting**

- 1) **TAX RELIEF for EMERGENCY SERVICE WORKERS:** Consider and take action on a draft Ordinance Chapter 18 "Relief for Emergency Service Workers".
- 2) **DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM FIELD and TRACK:** Consider and take action on the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance accepts with thanks the gifts made through the **Darien High School Stadium Field Committee** to fund the installation of synthetic turf on the stadium playing field in the middle of the new track that is being constructed at Darien High School. Said gift and the installation of the field and track has been approved by both the Boards of Education and Selectman, and further

RESOLVED: That the Board of Finance appropriate the \$ 1,050,000 of funds received from the Stadium Field Committee and an additional \$ 250,000 to the Board of Education Reserve Fund for Capital Non-Recurring Expenditures totaling \$ 1,300,000 for the purpose of the Board of Education installing synthetic turf on the playing field and for reconstructing the surrounding track. The additional \$ 250,000 will come from the unallocated funds presently in the RFCNRE. The Board of Finance hereby forwards this appropriation to the Representative Town Meeting for their action.

- 3) **AUDIT of the ASSESSORS OFFICE:** Consider and taken action, if desired, on a draft resolution and charge for a operational audit of the procedures within the Tax Assessors Office beginning with the issuance of building permits by the Building Official.
- 4) **DARIEN HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – STATUS:** Receive a report from John Bowes of the DHSBC and the Finance Director on the status of the project.
- 5) **RFCNRE – CLOSE OUT PROJECTS:** Consider and take action on a proposal by the Finance Director to close out some accounts.

- 6) **PARK & RECREATION – SAND SIFTER:** Consider and take action on a request to appropriate \$ 45,000 from the uncommitted RFCNRE to the Park & Recreation RFCNRE so that a Sand Sifter can be purchased this spring, and then to remove the same amount of money from their capital budget request for 2004-05.
- 7) **FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Review the monthly financial reports.
- 8) **TRANSFER – POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Consider and take action on a request of the Board of Selectmen for a Contingency Fund transfer.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
A0993006-86600	Contingency	1,500	C0303063 83007	Animal Control - Oper. Supplies	1,500
	TOTAL	1,500		TOTAL	1,500

- 9) **TRANSFER – POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Consider and take action on a request of the Board of Selectmen for Police Department transfer.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
A0332221 81011	Crim Inv & ID - Shift Diff.	1,500	A0332221 81004	Crim Inv & ID - Wages Overtime	7,000
A0332221 81001	Crim Inv & ID - Wages FT	5,500			
	TOTAL	7,000		TOTAL	7,000

- 10) **TRANSFER – LEGAL – TOWN COUNSEL:** Consider and take action on request of the Board of Selectmen for a Contingency Fund transfer to pay for legal services of the Town Counsel through June 30, 2004. Legal bills for the year have been especially heavy due to the extensive Procaccini matter, an on-going case involving a landfill in New Jersey and disputes involving the proper valuation of properties for tax purposes.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
A0993006-86600	Contingency	60,000.00	A0115092-82007	Town Counsel	60,000.00
TOTAL		60,000.00	TOTAL		60,000.00

- 11) **TRANSFER—LEGAL—LABOR COUSEL:** Consider and take action on request of Board of Selectmen for a Contingency Fund transfer to pay Labor Counsel fees through the end of the fiscal year. These expenses have exceeded budget due to protracted contract negotiations and arbitration with the Public Works Union.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
A0993006-86600	Contingency	17,000	A0115102-82007	Labor Counsel	17,000
TOTAL		17,000	TOTAL		17,000

- 12) **TRANSFER – LEGAL – PLANNING & ZONING:** Consider and take action on the request of the Board of Selectmen for a Contingency Fund transfer for the Planning and Zoning Department to cover overtime charges of the department.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
A0993006-86600	Contingency	\$46500	A0115382-82007	Regulatory Counsel	\$46500
TOTAL		\$46500	TOTAL		\$46500

As a Special Meeting – no items can be added to the agenda under Other Business

